WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A connection apparatus for automatically connecting a connection source to a predetermined connection destination;

wherein said connection source comprises:

information about said predetermined connection destination; and

connecting means for making a connection request to said predetermined connection destination based on said information about said predetermined connection destination and, given a permission, for automatically connecting to said connection destination; and

wherein said predetermined connection destination comprises:

receiving means for receiving said connection request from said connection source;

judging means which, upon interpreting said connection request, judges whether said connection source is a predetermined connection source or not; and

permission granting means which, if said judging means judges said connection source to be a predetermined connection source, grants connection permission to said connection source.

2. A connection apparatus according to claim 1,

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wherein said connection source is connected to said

connection destination without intervention of an

Internet service provider being contracted.

    3. A connection apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said connection request constitutes a request for

connection to an Internet service provider as well as a

request for connection to said receiving means.

    4. A connection apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said connection source is a printer.

    5. A connection apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein said printer is connected to said predetermined

connection destination using a trigger signal issued upon

initial power-up.

    6. A connecting method for automatically

connecting a connection source to a predetermined

connection destination, the method comprising the steps

of:

    setting information about said predetermined

connection destination to said connection source in

advance;

    causing said connection source to make a connection

request to said predetermined connection destination

based on said information about said predetermined

connection destination;

causing said predetermined connection destination to receive said connection request from said connection source in order to judge whether said connection source is a predetermined connection source or not upon interpreting said connection request;

if said connection source is judged to be a predetermined connection source by said judging means, then granting connection permission to said connection source; and

connecting said connection source to said predetermined connection destination.

7. A connecting method according to claim 6, wherein said connection source is connected to said connection destination without intervention of an Internet service provider being contracted.

8. A connecting method according to claim 6, wherein said connection request constitutes a request for connection to an Internet service provider as well as a request for connection to said connection destination.

9. A connecting method according to claim 6, wherein said connection source is a printer.

10. A connecting method according to claim 9, wherein said printer is connected to said predetermined connection destination using a trigger signal issued upon

initial power-up.

11. A computer-readable program storage medium
used for a connecting method for automatically connecting
a connection source to a predetermined connection
destination, which stores a program with connecting
functions, said program comprising the steps of:

setting information about said predetermined
connection destination to said connection source in
advance;

causing said connection source to make a connection
request to said predetermined connection destination
based on said information about said predetermined
connection destination;

causing said predetermined connection destination
to receive said connection request from said connection
source in order to judge whether said connection source
is a predetermined connection source or not upon
interpreting said connection request;

if said connection source is judged to be a
predetermined connection source by said judging means,
then granting connection permission to said connection
source; and

connecting said connection source to said
predetermined connection destination.

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12. A computer-readable program storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said program further comprises a connecting function for connecting said connection source to said connection destination without intervention of an Internet service provider being contracted.

13. A computer-readable program storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said program further comprises a connecting function whereby said connection request is deemed to constitute a request for connection to an Internet service provider as well as a request for connection to said connection destination.

14. A computer-readable program storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said program further comprises a connecting function whereby said connection source is deemed to be a printer.

15. A computer-readable program storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said program further comprises a connecting function for connecting said printer to said predetermined connection destination using a trigger signal issued upon initial power-up.

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